

# MUCH TROUBLE IN MANCHESTER.

Bursting Water Pipes the Source of Annoyance.

AND ALSO OF GREAT DAMAGE.

Farmers Are Feeding the Starving Birds in Chesterfield—Good Work Done on Hull Street—Persons and Briefs.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, 1112 Hull street, Beattie Block.

The water-pipes are bursting where they were not shut off and are causing great damage to property.

Thursday night Mr. Jas. B. Clifton, on No. 12 Decatur street, had his pipes burst and flooded his house. He secured the services of a plumber, but neither could find the stopcock, and after dragging around in the ice and in the snow for nearly an hour without success, Mr. Clifton was referred to the Superintendent of Water-Power to locate the shutoff and render him the necessary assistance.

In the meantime the water was bulging from the floor above to the ground floor, coming down the steps and through the ceiling and in any manner possible making its headway below. Mr. Clifton will sustain damages from the bursted pipe to the amount of from \$200 to \$400.

Had he known the location of his shutoff the water could have been turned off and this great difficulty avoided.

The pipes in the residence of Mr. E. H. Wells burst Wednesday night and did damage to the amount of \$25.

The store of Mr. R. C. Brooks, on Hull street, sprung a leak Thursday night and let considerable water in his store.

A great many of the citizens have had roofs engaged in removing snow from the roofs of their houses. This is more especially necessary with the flat-roof buildings.

The people in the First ward who engage in fishing for a livelihood during the season have been engaged in hauling up their floating palaces out of the way of the expected coming freshet, which they expect as soon as a good thaw begins.

FEEDING THE BIRDS.

Some of the farmers of Chesterfield are looking out for the birds in the country. The way the weather has been doing this extreme cold weather has made it very difficult for them to get anything to eat and these farmers are looking after their wants as well as they can.

Mr. E. G. Hatcher, who owns the farm, found two coves of partridges a few days since that were nearly starved. He took them in charge and has attended to their wants ever since.

DOING GOOD WORK.

City Engineer James A. Lipscomb did splendid work along Hull street yesterday, and the people who have to use this thoroughfare will rise up and call him blessed. He had a force of hands engaged opening the drains all along the street which allowed a bold stream to flow into the river as fast as it does.

The people had a terrible time getting to their homes from their places of business Thursday night. The snow that melted and when walking up the street they would invariably get over their shoes in water and in many cases up to their waists in ice and water. When they reached their residences they were in most cases soaking wet. In many instances they attempted to hire grocery wagons for the want of something better, but the merchants would not put their teams up for such a night and would not bring them out for love or money.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Hunting Court of Manchester will convene in regular February term next Monday, with Judge John H. Ingram on the bench.

As usual there were no cases before the Mayor in the Temple of Justice yesterday morning. A number of poor people were in attendance with the request that they have fuel donated to them. These requests are invariably granted.

Mr. John H. Moles is still detained at his home, on west Twelfth street, by sickness.

The spike mill on the water line is frozen up and will not resume work until the bad weather disappears.

## THE DIXON FAMILY.

No Further Concern Need be Felt for Their Welfare—Will Float the Yacht.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 15.—Special—No assistance so far as known has been sent to the family of Rev. Thomas Dixon aboard the yacht Dixie, ice bound at Cobb's Island. The Merritt Wrecking Company's tug McCauley will pass the Dixie to-morrow on her way to the spot where the schooner George E. Dudley is stranded. The McCauley will take the beleaguered on the yacht should they need assistance. Concern for their welfare need exist no longer. The tug which arrived here yesterday reported that she would not float the Dudley, and that the schooner is unstranded.

The recent order of Secretary Long to the effect that in future no beer shall be served to the crew of any war ships while they are at government yards, has gone into effect. The jacksies are growing audibly. They do not like the new regulation and say so.

Many schoolmen which have been drifting about in the ice in this harbor for a week reported to-day and noted protest. Many have lost anchors, chains and suffered losses which in the aggregate are very large. The damage caused to shipping by the recent storm is unprecedented.

## AGED COUPLE FROZEN.

Death Overtook Them, Though They Had Fuel and Food in the House.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 15.—Special—On Friday night the aged, sun-colored couple, Harrison and Molly Graham, each nearly ninety years of age, were frozen to death in their cabin near Rustburg, Campbell county. They were found the following morning sitting upright in their chairs cold in death.

The house contained fuel and provisions, but it is thought that the intense cold, combined with the extreme old age of the couple, prevented them from waiting on themselves.



## OUR BUSINESS STILL EXPANDS.

A Healthy Tone Despite the False Stimulus of New Combines.

THE RISE IN GRAIN IS GENUINE.

Foreign Demand, Especially for Corn, Continues—Strength in Iron Phenomenal—The Outlook for Cotton is Brighter.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—R. G. Pun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say to-morrow:

"Beyond question, business is expanding, and in many branches it is larger, notwithstanding speculative conditions, which tend to reduce it. All monopolies or attempted monopolies, stimulate business while they are coming, but tend to stifle it after they come, and the throng of combinations and trusts which have been formed or proposed, have given a temporary but questionable impetus to trade. But notwithstanding the influence of these in some degree, due to the prosperity of a growing population, the winter's output of pig iron February 1st was 237,523 tons, against 235,518 January 1st, and 235,52 December 1st. The average weekly production thus indicated was about 1,000 tons greater in January than in December, and the unsold stocks were reduced 43,671 tons in January, against 57,403 in December, so that the apparent consumption in manufacture was on January 1st, 1,136,629 tons, against 1,085,178 in December. The stoppage of several furnaces for necessary repairs at a time when the demand is most pressing, has caused some fear of famine, although quite a number of other furnaces have started since February 1st, or are about to start."

THE IRON TRADE.

Fig. Iron has advanced, but the largest consumption ever recorded in any month is in part due to the hasty purchases of products, about to be contrived, or advanced in price by a combination. There are so many of these in the iron and steel industry that the present market does not clearly indicate the magnitude of demand and disappointment in some branches is not improbable. But the rise of \$1 in steel rails with the entire capacity of all railroads until after July 1st, is not unnatural, nor the strength in plates for which the legitimate demand is beyond all precedent and the same is true of bars, the quantity required for cars, railway and agricultural implements works being enormous.

GRAIN EXPORTS.

No fictitious demand has caused the rise in grain, for the exports continue so heavy in wheat and corn that the advance of 3 1/2 cents in wheat is abundantly justified and the rise of 2 1/2 in corn seems scarcely enough for the ordinary Atlantic exports have been retarded by the blizzard but have been 2,375,753 bushels. Four hundred thousand against 1,312,627 last year, and the crop this year thus far exceeds, including flour, have been 1,600 bushels against 1,671,142 last year. When it is remembered that the exports of corn are almost as large as the largest ever known, there is reason for astonishment at the continued foreign demand. That it persists in spite of the strong advance in prices here since September 1st, is more convincing evidence of the real demand for grain, which is obviously impossible to sustain now for man may not do what the foreign demand for cotton attains though the price has again been raised 2 1/2 cents during the past week.

COTTON PROSPECTS.

The exports have decreased some, but the controlling rate is that a remarkable shrinkage in receipts from plantation appear to indicate a smaller yield than has hitherto been expected. It should be remembered that the exports have been greatly hindered of late by bad weather.

The cotton demand for goods helps to some extent just now, although no assurance can be given that the declining price will not presently check that demand.

AMUSEMENTS.

It is expected that the water will rise higher than at any time since the Johnson's Ford flood.

## PETERSBURG CONTRACTS.

The Tredegar Works to Furnish Iron for a New Bank Building.

PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 17.—Special—The Tredegar Iron Works of Richmond has the contract for furnishing the iron material to be used in the construction of the new bank building to be built on the corner of 12th Avenue and Tabby streets for the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company.

The Clayville Brick Company of Powhatan, Virginia, has the contract for the new building. The new building will cost about \$6,000 and is to be completed by the 15th of August next.

The Appomattox River is rising rapidly to-night and the water is over the wharves.

Death of a Trooper.

SURRY, VA., Feb. 17.—Special—John W. V. Clifton, a member of Troop B, cavalry, of Virginia Volunteers, died at his residence at Smithfield, Va., last night. He will be buried with military honors by his trooper Saturday. He was a second sergeant, promoted to corporal in 1884, and owing to his ill health he resigned his lieutenancy and when his health improved re-enlisted as a trooper.

He was beloved by every member of his troop and his death is sincerely mourned by them all.

Shin's Engineer Drowned.

NEXTPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 17.—Special—Mr. Still, the fourth engineer on the Chesapeake and Ohio liner, Greenbrier, which arrived from Liverpool to-day, fell under the pier, where his ship was tied up, to-night, and was drowned. He was thirty-five years old and unmarried.

Handsome Estate Sold.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 17.—Special—Mr. A. K. Ware has sold his handsome estate, "Snowden," just outside the city to B. S. Spence of Chicago. The sale price will take possession of the property March 1st, and with his family reside there.

Only One Case.

Justice Hall had only one case before him yesterday morning, and that was continued until the 25th instant.

The civil docket, however, made up for all deficiencies, there being an even 100 cases upon it.

ACTION SALES—Future Days.

HERIF'S SALE.

I will sell by auction on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1899, at the office of the Electric Construction Company of Virginia, No. 29 Bank street, in the city of Richmond, beginning at 12 o'clock M., one ELECTRIC MOTOR, levied on me to satisfy a writ of distraint and execution in my hands against W. C. Pond in favor of Walter S. Sublett, who sue for and on behalf of the Security Bank of Richmond.

TERMS.—Cash.

J. T. HUGHES,  
Sheriff of the City of Richmond.  
Feb. 27-28.

CAUTION.

The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company respectively requests its patrons and the public generally to be careful while shoveling snow from roofs not to allow the same to fall on the telephone wires entering the sides of buildings.

At the Jefferson.

Among the guests at The Jefferson yesterday were Mr. E. St. John, vice-president and manager of the hotel; Mr. E. Lawrence, Mrs. H. S. Knowlton, Mrs. A. Rockefeller and Mr. M. W. Sanford, of Ashbury Park, N. J.

Mr. Redwood is Better.

Mr. Elmore S. Redwood, the general delivery clerk at the post-office, who has been ill with appendicitis, was reported as better yesterday.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH,  
MATINEE AND NIGHT,  
HOYTS.

"A Stranger in New York."

John D. Gilbert and many others.  
REGULAR PRICES.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH,  
ACADEMY, FEB. 25TH.

Box-seat open to subscribers February 16th, 9 A. M., at Walter D. Mosey & Co.'s. Tickets to the public from February 20th, A. M., to the evening of the 28th. Subscription list, \$10. W. D. Mosey & Co.'s. Prices \$2.50, \$2.80, \$3 and \$1. Feb. 16.

A CLEVER TRICK.

It certainly looks like it, but there is no trick about it. You can easily tell if it has been tampered with or not.

Kids and young persons, who are fond of playing with a piece of wire, will be interested to know that it can be bent in lead, although the industries have shown no abatement of demand in this country and the rise in prices here is due largely to increased consumption.

Fallures 15 for the week in the United States against 25 last year, and 18 in Canada against 35 last year.

FINED FOR CUTTING.

Tobacco Exchange to Elect a Warehouse Inspector.

PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 17.—Special—John L. Dean, for cutting Samuel Scott, colored, was tried this morning in the Huntingdon Court and fined \$16 and costs.

Mr. J. W. Phillips this morning donated to the poor through the Mayor, a carload of coal.

The stable of Mr. W. F. Stone at Ford's Den in Dinwiddie county, was destroyed by fire a night or so ago with 2,000 feet of lumber stored in it. Mr. Stone has his stable and other property last February by fire.

The condition of Capt. Thus Pannier, who was stricken with paralysis a few days ago, is somewhat improved.

Capt. John D. Alley is quite ill at his home in this city.

The street railway has not yet been able to run their cars but will not be for some days yet.

The sales of loose tobacco discontinued at the end of the very bad weather, to be resumed next Tuesday.

A meeting of the Tobacco Exchange was to have been held yesterday to elect an inspector of tobacco, but on account of the inclement weather the meeting was postponed until next Wednesday.

Information to the contrary was received by telegraph from the New York Stock Exchange.

MEMBERS COURSE.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1899.  
Y. M. C. A. Hall.  
DR. LYMAN B. SPERRY.  
Honorary Lecture.  
"GUMPTION AND GRIT."  
Reserved seats now on sale.

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THE VALENTINE MEUSUM,

ELEVENTH AND CLAY STREETS.

Open daily from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Admission, 25 cents. Free on Saturday.

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SEALED PROPOSALS.

Office Superintendent of Public Education, Richmond, Va., Feb. 15.—Special—SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE FEB. 20, 1899, UNTIL 12 O'CLOCK NOON, FOR TURNING THE ALMOSHED WITH SUPPLIES OF FRESH WATER AND BEEF, LARD, HAM, BEEF, LAMB, FLOUR, COOKIES, SUGAR, RICE, LARD, SOUP, HERRINGS, SALADS, BUTTER, POTATOES, CORN, DAY, BACON, SHORTBREAD, DRY Goods, AND OTHERS, FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MAY 31, 1899.

The Committee for the Relief of the Poor, especially the right to receive aid, are to be given preference in giving the contract for each article required to the lowest responsible bidder therefor.

Terms of proposals can be obtained at this office.

GEO. B. DAVIS,  
Superintendent.

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MEDICAL.

LOTT AND FOUND.

LOST, BY A CONFEDERATE VETERAN—A LADY'S BROWN ALICE POCKET BOOK containing \$4.36 and a small amount of money.

Lost from Adams and Clay to Fourth and Broad on left-hand side clay going down.